



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Honorable Hualapai Tribal Council Members,

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, there were no dental care services at the Peach Springs Health Center, and this was unfortunate. The dental provider who was scheduled to work that day has some concerns regarding the transporting of non-sterilized dental instruments to the Parker facility from the Peach Springs facility. We have a policy for transporting used instruments and dental staff are adhering to this policy. The used instruments are decontaminated in Peach Springs but are not sterilized until the instruments are transported and processed back in Parker's central sterilization department. We are working steadfastly to address these concerns in short order, and have a solution in place very soon. In the meantime, dental providers will travel to and from the Peach Springs Health Center in a separate vehicle.

We expect to resume the regular Tuesday and Thursday schedule beginning on Thursday, March 26, 2020. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (928) 669-3162.

Yours respectfully,

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